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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

It's critical in this time of consolidation that competition is crucial to the health of the internet.

And it's also crucial to keep prices for internet and telephone services low--no price hikes for the giants like AT&T.

Local broadband providers go the extra mile, have service technicians that respond immediately to your needs, and will answer questions about pricing without making you wait 30 minutes on hold.

Keep the local providers healthy, and support them.

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